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A Full and Perticular

RELATION

Of that Strange, Horrible, and (in *England*)

Unheard-of Murther,

VVhich was Committed on the Body of the late

Famous Dr. CLENCH,

In an *Hackney*-Coach, near *Leaden-Hall-Market*; on *Monday*-Night, the *4th.* of this Instant *Jan.* 1692.

LAST Night, being *Monday* the *Fourth* Instant, about a quarter past *Nine*, Dr. *Clench* went from *John*'s Coffee-House in *Fullers-Rents*, to his late dwelling-House in *Brown-low Street*; where he had not been long, before a Messenger came to desire him to come to Two Gentlemen, who were at the *Devil Tavern* near *Temple-Bar*, in order to Visit a Person of considerable Account, who was dangerously ill; upon which he immediately went with the said Messenger, not ordering his Coach or Coachman to Attend him, but being come to the Gentlemen, at the aforesaid Tavern, they perswade him to take Coach with them, in order to go to this Patient near *White Chappel*; upon which they paid their Reckoning, and called a Coach to the Tavern Door; but in their way, between *Temple-Bar*, and *Leaden-Hall-Street*, these two Persons (after the *Turks* manner) most Barbarously Murthered the Doctor, by Strangling him; now coming near *Leaden-Hall-Market*, they called out to the Coachman to stop, and gave him *Three-Shillings*, *Six pence*, and bid him step into the *Market*, and Buy the best *Capon* he could light on; the Coachman innocently takes the Money, and goes into the *Market* according to Direction; but he was no sooner gone, but the *Two Ruffins* made their Escape, and the said Coachman returning soon after, with the *Poulterer*, bringing with them several Fowls for the Gentlemen to take their choice, but they were no sooner come to the Coach side, but they found the door of it open, the two Gentlemen gone, and (to their great surprise) the Doctor alone lying dead in the Coach; upon which soon after, the Doctors body being brought to his own House, in *Brown-low-street* in *Holbourn*, Constables and Watchmen were sent out into several Parts, in search of the Murtherers; but as yet no Account can be learnt of them; what induc'd these Barbarous Homecides to commit this Fact is not yet known; tho' its thought it may be an inveterate Malice, and Revenge, not unlike That of Esquire *Thynn*. The Doctor was a very Worthy, Honest, and Charitable Gentleman; and is very much lamented by all that knew him.

NOW, for the Hainousness of this Sin of *Murther*, I suppose none can be ignorant, that it is of the deepest Die, a most Loud crying Sin. This we may see in the first Act of this kind that ever was Committed, *Abels blood cryeth from the earth*, *Gen.* 4. 10. Yea, the Guilt of this Sin is such, that it leaves even a stain upon the Land where it is committed, such as is not to be washed out, but by the Blood of the Murtherer, as appears, *Deut.* 19. 12, 13. The Land cannot be Purged of Blood, but by the blood of him that shed it; and therefore, though in other cases, the flying to the Altar secured a Man, yet in this of *Willful Murther*, no such Refuge was allowed; but such a one was to be taken thence, and delivered up to Justice, *Exod.* 21. 14. *Thou shalt take him from the Altar, that he may die.* And it is farther observable, that the only two Receipts which the Scripture mentions, as given to *Noah* after the Flood, were both in Relation to this sin; that of not eating blood, *Gen.* 9. 4. being a Ceremony to beget in Men a greater horrour of this sin of Murther, and so intended for the preventing of it. The other was for the punishment of it. *Gen.* 9. 6. *He that sheddeth man's blood, by men shall his blood be shed*; and the reason of this strictness is added in the next words; *For in the image of God made he man*: where you see this sin is not only an Injury to our Brother, but even the highest despite and comtempt towards God himself; for it is the defacing of His Image, which He hath stamped upon Man, *&c.*

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